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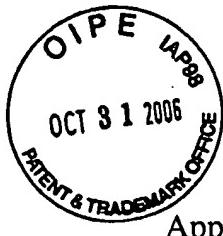
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This is a Reply Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41 in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 13, 2006.

**I. General**

This paper is in reply to the Examiner's Answer dated September 13, 2006. In that Answer, the Examiner stated his basis to support his anticipation rejections of the claims on appeal, claims 20-28. Claims 20-26, and 28/20 were rejected for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on U.S. Patent No. 2,118,540 to Van Arsdel, U.S. Patent No.